## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Dave S. B. Hoon et al. Serial No.: 10/713,808

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For:

DETECTION OF MICROMETASTASIS OF

MELANOMA AND BREAST CANCER IN

PARAFFIN-EMBEDDED TUMOR DRAINING LYMPH NODES BY MULTIMARKER

QUANTITATIVE RT-PCR

## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to February 7, 2009, the period for response to the Final Office Action dated August 7, 2008. Please charge the fee of \$310,00 for this extension to Deposit Account No. 50-1314, corresponding to the threemonth extension fee of \$555.00 less the two-month extension fee (\$245.00) previously paid in connection with a petition for an extension of time filed on January 5, 2009. The responsive papers are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314

Respectfully submitted.

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